

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **10/591449**

In re the Application of: )  
Yuji AOKI et al. )  
Serial No.: New Application ) Examiner:  
Filed: September 1, 2006 ) Art Unit:  
For: RARE EARTH OXIDE )  
SUPERCONDUCTOR AND PROCESS )  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the captioned application, please amend the claims as follows.